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Sewer plan clears hurdle

Council vote due next week

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City residents are one vote away from receiving a city service that was discontinued two years ago.

An ordinance to resume residential sewer lateral cleaning and routing service passed 11-3 on first reading Tuesday night after a vote to suspend the council's rules and place the ordinance on final passage fell one vote short of the 10 needed.

If a majority of aldermen approve the measure next Tuesday, the service will be offered once again.

Street Superintendent Clayton "Jug" Harrison said he is in favor of resuming the service, but that he needs two additional full-time workers to do it.

Proponents of the service resumption say the city has the equipment and ability to provide it. Opponents say the city cannot afford to resume the service, which would cost about \$90,000 a year in salary, benefits and equipment maintenance.

And Greg Stamps, a Collinsville resident and owner of a sewer pipe cleaning company in Granite City, said Tuesday night that private companies cannot compete with a free service provided by the city.

"I'd like to have my grass cut free, my snow shoveled free and my roof fixed free. But let's get real."

— Jim Miller
Opposes plan

"This will result in a loss of between \$60,000 and \$100,000 to businesses," Stamps said. He said the liability the city will incur and the hiring of two additional full-time street department employees needed to provide the service will be expensive for taxpayers.

If more tax money is going to be spent, we would like it to be spent on our streets," Stamps said.

Harrison said the street department provided the service 1,800 times in 1990, 1,500 times in 1991, and 600 times in six months during 1992.

Aldermen Lurton Pulley and Foster Frederick said the taxpayers deserve the service for the amount of taxes they pay, and that many residents cannot afford to

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Flag history — The Disabled American Veterans, Quad City Chapter 53 Auxiliary, recently presented a history of the American flag at area schools. Student volunteers held each of the 14 flags during the presentation, which showed the progression of the American flag from its inception to its present-day form. Above, Rachel Warrix, left, and Mary Scarsdale of the DAV Auxiliary hold up flag #11, "The Bedford Flag" during the program at Frohardt School. The Bedford Flag was with the Minutemen gathered at the Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775, when they faced the British.

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75 years ago

Feb. 23, 1920

Members of the Granite City School Board and city residents, together with a number of farmers residing in adjacent school districts, conferred and discussed the plan for a community high school, further discussion is to follow.

Deaths

Mary Korsog
JoAnn Herendeen
Clara Winter
Charles Wright
Beverly Randazzo
Mable Dandridge
William Earhart
Luther Turnage
Vera Dameron

Murder suspect returned

A St. Louis man charged with the murders of two women whose bodies were found in a farm field near Mitchell has been returned to Madison County to face trial.

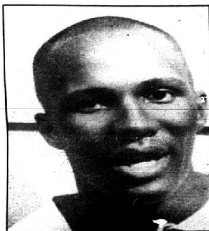
Felipe Lamont Hall, 31, lost his flight Monday against extradition and was transported to the county jail from Oklahoma by a private transporting agency.

Hall, who is married and the father of two, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of Christina Masters, 20, of Maryland Heights, Mo., and Samantha Beasley, 17, of St. Louis.

The unclothed bodies of the women were found by a farmer the morning of Oct. 4 in a soybean field off Illinois 3 near Old Alton Road and the Chemetco plant south of Hartford.

Hall had fled the area by the time murder warrants were issued and was arrested Dec. 23 by Oklahoma City police after a dispute with a neighbor of his girlfriend and a police chase.

Hall had reportedly been dating Masters at the time of her murder in October.



Felipe Hall

Hall appeared before Madison County Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner Tuesday and requested a public defender. He told Keshner he had no assets and was without employment. He is being held without bond.

If convicted, Hall could be sentenced to between 20 and 60 years in prison for each murder, life in prison or the death penalty.

Authorities hired a private transporting company to drive Hall from an Oklahoma county jail because he is considered a flight risk.

"We didn't really want to take any chances," said Madison County Chief Deputy Raymond "Bud" Galloway. "He is considered a flight risk. The transport

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Mercury hits record high 78

A fine day to be outdoors

Delapia Neeley of Granite City has spring fever.

Neeley was among the walkers, runners, bikers and lunchers who took advantage of a record-breaking high to get outdoors Wednesday at Wilson Park.

According to Ted Schroeder of the National Weather Service in St. Louis, Wednesday's high temperature was 78 degrees, beating the 1977 record by four.

However, he said a cold front would be moving in by Friday, bringing a "significant" drop in temperatures. Highs over the weekend are expected to be normal for this time of year.

around 45 degrees.

"I've been out every nice day," Neeley said. "But today tops the list. Today is excellent."

She was sitting in the back of a pickup truck, talking to Bobbie Wenner and Rhonda Jolly, also of Granite City.

Wenner was taking a lunch break from her job at a local chiropractor's office. Jolly was out with her two-year-old son, Michael.

"It's a nice day, and the kid's tired of being cooped up, so we're going for a walk," she said.

Edith Niesporek of Granite City was walking around the

park, something she likes to do during nice weather.

Wednesday was one of the nicest she had seen in some time. "In fact, it's getting hot," she said.

Leslie Laycock of Granite City was walking her nine-month-old dog, Princess. It was the second time she has been able to walk the dog since getting her, and the dog doesn't get much exercise.

"She live's in a small backyard," Laycock said. "I love it, it's warm, it's different from what we've had in the last few weeks, so I like to get out and exercise," she said.

Costello outspent opponent 9-1

The Metro East's two U.S. congressmen demonstrated the power of incumbency by spending nearly 10 times what their opponents did in last November's election.

U.S. Reps. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, and Jerry Costello, D-Belleview, bucked a Republican tide in November to win re-election to the U.S. House. One of the Republican challengers went \$12,000 in debt in a futile effort, according to recent reports filed with the

Federal Elections Commission.

Durbin won with about 55 percent of the vote over Republican Bill Owens in the 20th Congressional District.

Costello crushed Republican Jan Morris by winning nearly 66 percent of the vote in the 12th District.

The spending gaps were much wider than the margins of victory, however.

Durbin's campaign committee spent \$539,373 last year compared with \$54,187 by

Owens, a Springfield construction worker. Through

December, Durbin's campaign fund was still flat, with a \$224,326 balance, while Owens only had \$1,888 in the kitty.

Costello's campaign committee spent \$306,293 last year, compared with \$24,961 by Morris. Costello had a balance of \$329,911 at the end of the year.

Morris, of Carbondale, obtained her law degree shortly before deciding to run for

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Alternative punishment

Program gives inmates chance to work off sentence

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Madison County Sheriff Bob Church has devised a program that reduces overcrowding in the county jail and puts those convicted of criminal offenses to work for the good of the taxpayers.

Since 1992, the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program — or SWAP Team — has given those convicted of minor offenses an option to serve 30 days of community service in lieu of jail time or a fine.

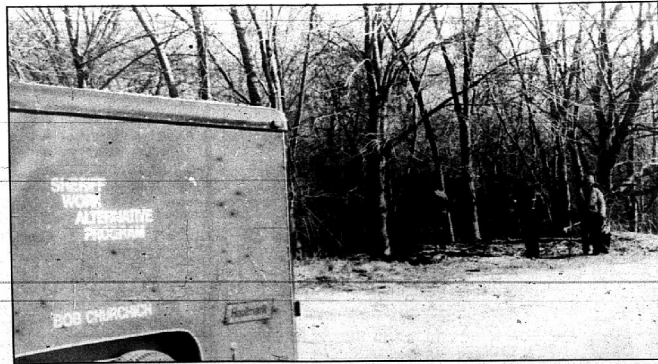
"It's really kind of like the old chain gang," said Capt. Bob Hertz of the sheriff's department.

"These people are paying their debt to society," he said.

The SWAP Team is a band of prisoners who choose working as an alternative to incarceration or a fine. The workers move around Madison County performing tasks such as cutting weeds, picking up debris or cleaning offices for governmental bodies — at no expense to the taxpayers.

"Some of them are just unable to pay the fine, so they work it off," said Sgt. Terry Davis of Granite City. Davis oversees the work of the SWAP Team.

Last week, the SWAP Team was in Horseshoe Lake State



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Participants in the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program pick up old tires, trash and other debris along the north shore of Horseshoe Lake.

Park picking up tires, bottles and other trash that had been

dumped there. The previous week, when weather was bad,

the group cleaned and waxed the

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School debt cut by \$1 million

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

In two years, the Madison school district has pared almost \$1 million in debt from its four operating funds, and may end the 1994-95 school year with a slight surplus.

At last week's board meeting, Superintendent Ken Miller said he is projecting a \$8,950 surplus at the end of the school year in June.

"We should be a little bit in the black across the four operating funds," he said later. "This is all tentative."

The district's four operating funds are education, operations and maintenance, transportation and working cash.

Two of the funds, education and operations, are expected to have surpluses — \$146,250 in education and \$18,450 in working cash.

Funds with deficits are expected to be transportation, \$91,450, and maintenance, \$14,800. Miller cautioned against being too optimistic. Because the district has a \$7 million budget, the projected surplus could easily be wiped out.

"It depends so much on cash flow," he said. "If we don't get those third quarter (state) pay-

ments when they're supposed to be due before the end of the fiscal year, it will make all the difference.

"I'll tell you, we're entitled to it, but it's not cash in hand on June 30, that budget figure can change," he added. "We're so close — when you're talking \$60,000 in a \$7 million budget, it doesn't take much to throw it one way or another."

Even if the district does end up slightly in the red, Miller said that is much better than two years ago, when the district had a deficit of almost \$1 million.

Most of that was in the education fund.

Last year the district's financial state improved, but it still had a \$20,000 deficit.

Much of the problem was a lack of state support, according to Miller.

"You'd have to go back several years," he said. "There was the year the state withheld their last two state aid payments. Even though they said it didn't have any impact it does have

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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Warriors' Slay claims state title

T.J. Slay completed a dream season on the wrestling mat Saturday night when he won the Illinois Class AA state championship.

The 130-pound senior at Granite City High School won the championship with a 4-3 overtime victory — his second overtime triumph in the state tournament — over Morton's Blake Hoerr.

Durbin fears effects of cuts

The rush to cut federal spending and enact the Balanced Budget Amendment could seriously damage the nation's health care system and bring "unacceptable" changes to the quality of life, according to U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin.

The Springfield Democrat spoke to board members and executives at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City Monday. After talking to the board and meeting with reporters, Durbin took a short tour of the Koch Family Health Center.

Ashburn convicted in killing

John Ashburn of the Granite City was convicted of first-degree murder Friday in 1990 shooting and stabbing death of Ricky Muckensturm.

Members of a St. Clair County jury took less than three hours to make up their minds after the four-day trial.

Ashburn will be sentenced next month before Circuit Judge Lloyd Karmeier. He could receive up to 60 years in prison.

Assistant State's Attorney Dennis Hatch alleged during the trial that Ashburn had been after Muckensturm for several weeks over a \$38 debt and had told several people that he intended to get Muckensturm.

David F. Clark of Granite City was convicted last year in connection with Muckensturm's murder and sentenced to 80 years in prison.

Miller quitting Madison post

After less than a year on the job, Madison School District Superintendent Ken Miller is leaving and will return to his old job in the Roxana School District.

Miller, who started the job in Madison in September, announced his resignation at Thursday's school board meeting. The resignation takes effect July 1.

He cited a desire to spend more time with his family as the reason for his leaving.

OSHA threatens fines

The federal government is threatening to slap the owners of Granite City Steel with big fines for alleged safety violations. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued three citations against National Steel Corp., the parent company of Granite City Steel.

The most serious charge alleges a willful violation of the law for lacking a cover and standard guardrail for a floor opening at the Granite City plant. The potential fine is \$55,000.

Chiefs prefer grants

Two local police chiefs are not overjoyed at the news that they are eligible for federal funding for an additional police officer.

Given a choice of three years of 75 percent funding for a new officer for community-oriented policing or an equivalent grant to spend on law enforcement or punishment, police chiefs Dave Ruebhausen of Granite City and Paul Bargiel of Madison both said they would take the grant.

Teens survive after car flips over

Two Granite City teens were seriously injured Monday afternoon when the driver of the car they were in lost control and crashed on Highway 3.

Nineteen-year-old Eric E. Thrane of the 2300 block of Zipfel Avenue and Eric D. Simpson, 19, of the 200 block of Wilson Park Drive were taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and treated for serious injuries sustained at about 4:50 p.m. Monday when the car they were in began to fishtail on Highway 3, entered the grass median and flipped.

Simpson, who was thrown from the white 1984 Mercury Lynx, was semi-conscious and confused when emergency personnel arrived at the scene. Both he and Thrane were treated for back injuries, scrapes and bruises and later released from the hospital.

Kris L. Huckelberry, 18, of the 2300 block of Delmar Avenue, the driver of the car, and Chad M. Hudgins, 18, of Belleville, a passenger, were less seriously injured.

Huckelberry told police that the car was in the inside northbound lane of Highway 3, about a quarter of a mile north of St. Thomas Road, when he thought he saw something in the road. He swerved to the outside lane to avoid the object and then swerved back to the inside lane.



Granite City emergency personnel provide medical attention to two Granite City teens Monday afternoon and prepare to rush them to the hospital.

he told police.

But as he returned to the inside lane, the car began to

fishtail and he lost control, veered into the median and the car flipped over, Huckelberry

told police.

None of the four teens was wearing a seat belt, according to the police report.

Police agencies may cooperate on garage thefts

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

A number of area police departments are considering forming a task force to combat a rash of garage burglaries that has plagued area communities. Representatives of 15 depart-

ments from St. Clair, Monroe, Madison, Monroe and Washington counties met recently in Columbia to discuss the problem and plan a response, said Lebanon Police Chief Mike Donovan, a primary organizer.

Although Granite City has a large number of garage burglar-

ies, it was not among those participating.

Detective Sgt. Ron Borkowski said the Collinsville Police Department is considering being a part of the task force.

Donovan and Borkowski said the problem is widespread — Donovan estimated it affects a

25-mile radius in the Metro East, and both said they believe a number of groups are involved.

"We're trying to address it, because it's just eating up four or five counties," Donovan said. "There's probably a number of groups involved in this, but they're pretty slick."

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Puppies

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By Bob Slate
Staff writer

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Economy questions city's swap of property

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A Madison businessman wants to know why his proposal to buy city-owned property in downtown Granite City has not been considered by the city.

But city officials say that Andy Economy, owner of Andy's Auto Body and Towing, 1330 Madison Ave. in Madison, was more than a year late in submitting his offer to buy the former Koetting Ford property, 1837 Madison Ave. in Granite City, for \$201,000 cash.

Economy's attorney, Morgan Scroggins of Granite City, said that Economy first learned that the city was interested in selling the property Jan. 22, when he read about it on the front page of the *Press-Record Journal*.

The article said that the city was negotiating with Jack Dempsey and Don Adams, owners of the Granite Inc. companies, to swap the former Koetting site for three downtown parcels owned by Dempsey and Adams along 18th Street.

The next day, Scroggins said, Economy contacted city officials and expressed interest in purchasing the property. Later in the week, Scroggins said, Economy offered \$175,000 cash and eventually upped his offer to \$201,000.

But, in a published legal notice, the city requested proposals for the property more than a year earlier, chose the Dempsey and Adams proposal over two others in February 1994, and has been negotiating with Dempsey and Adams since April 1994, according to a memo from Franz Krantz, the city's director of economic development.

"The downtown committee and the City Council expressed a desire to make an effort to close the deal with Dempsey and Adams," Downtown Committee Chairman Jim Miller said.

Earlier this month, the council voted unanimously to authorize the mayor to sign a contract

with Granite Inc. detailing the property swap.

Dempsey and Adams have applied to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a special use permit at the former Koetting site that would allow them to operate their three businesses — Dempsey-Adams Carstar, Granite City Glass and Fence, and Regency Leasing and Sales — at the site. A hearing will be conducted in March.

Both the city and Granite Inc. are expected to perform soil testing to determine if either site is contaminated. Property owned by each party is believed to contain underground gasoline storage tanks.

The Dempsey-Adams proposal says that the move should increase Granite Inc.'s annual sales by \$2 million by 1999. That increase would require Dempsey and Adams to hire an additional 15 workers, according to the proposal.



The fence surrounding Madison High School will be coming down, probably some time this summer. (Staff photo by SCOTT COUSINS)

Erected during unrest of '70s

School fence coming down

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

When John Greco was a junior at Madison High School in the early 1970s, a chain-link fence was put up around the school because of racial unrest.

As a member of the Madison school board, Greco is going to tear it down.

Last week, board members voted unanimously to take down the fence and locked gates. The brick entryways will remain in place, and part of the chain-link fence will be salvaged and put around the school's parking lot.

Superintendent Ken Miller said when he first came to the district, the fence surprised him. "When I came to Madison, I had to think other people feel the same way when they go by the high school and see it has a fence in front of it and gates that lock," Miller said. "To my knowledge there is no other school, high school or otherwise in this area, that has a fence around it."

"I looked at that and thought

"My goodness, is this school so bad that they have to fence the kids in or fence people out," he said.

Miller said Greco was the driving force behind taking down the fence.

"Mr. Greco, in particular, finds that fence offensive. I think for a lot of the same reasons I did, although he has more personal involvement," Miller said.

Soon after being appointed to the board in November, Greco brought up the fence at a committee meeting.

"It was put up at the height of riots at Madison High School," Greco said. "It was put up to keep outside intruders away. It served its purpose and now it's time for it to come down."

Greco added that at the time it was being installed, he did "all I could" to keep it from going up. "I never did like the fence," he said. "I resented the fact that they were fencing us in."

As part of the decision-making process, Miller said a vote of students, staff and teachers was taken in January.

While students wanted the fence down by a more than two-to-one margin, teachers and staff who voted overwhelmingly wanted to fence to remain up.

Totals for the student vote were 147-59 in favor of taking down the fence. Teachers voted 2-10, and other staff voted 2-7. Only about half the teachers voted, while about 85 percent of students and other staff participated.

"If you don't vote you don't care," Greco said.

Miller said the fence would probably not be taken down until school is out.

Miller said he doesn't think taking the fence down will cause problems.

"We're very hopeful," he said. "I think people are concerned about vandalism, but I think every school in the area — and every other school in Madison — are subject to potential vandalism."

"I don't think that fence is going to keep out anybody who really wants to break in," he added.

United Way has \$10,000 available

Tri-Cities Area United Way Youth Board has announced the availability of \$10,000 to be allocated to programs that address local youth needs.

Funding priority will be given to programs addressing one of the following categories: Teen pregnancy and teen parenting, cultural ignorance, abusive relationships, gangs and violence, drugs and alcohol — peer pressure or divorce, death and loss issues.

Applications for funding are available at the United Way office, 1821 Edison in Granite City, and must be submitted to the youth board no later than March 1.

The youth board was developed in 1990 by the local United Way to create a better community awareness of and appreciation for the potential of youth. Students on the board work within the United Way system to develop and heighten youth input and involvement in meeting health and human care needs of students.

The 1995 youth board members are Granite City students, Brad Graves, Erin Robertson, Meredith Clemko, Hillary Sanders, Amanda Galbreath, Andria Malone and Liz McKechnan. Madison members are Jillian Jones, Latesha Haynes and Sue Moran. Annie Lyons and Mia Cass represent Venice High School.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When does the owner of a business establishment have a duty to protect his patrons from harm caused by other people on the premises? Several Illinois cases have indicated that a business needs to protect its patrons only if the owner is aware of a potentially dangerous condition.

In one recent case, two men attempted to enter a health club and bar. Two employees of the club refused to allow the men into the bar because they appeared to be intoxicated. The employees later testified that they were aware that the men had been drinking since they had bloodshot eyes and slightly slurred speech. When they were asked to leave, the two intoxicated gentlemen became abusive and obnoxious.

The club employees did not escort the men to the parking lot nor did they call the police. Furthermore, there was no club supervision of the parking lot. The intoxicated men got in their car, and an argument ensued with another club patron when there was a near collision of their respective vehicles. The men who had been refused admittance to the club got back into their car and purposely drove into the other man's car and pinned his leg against the vehicle. He eventually had the leg amputated below the knee.

The man who was injured not only sued the driver of the vehicle, but he also brought suit against the club. The basis for his action against the health club was its asserted failure to control the intoxicated driver of the other vehicle. The plaintiff alleged that the club should have notified the police of the intoxicated state of the two men. In addition, the injured party felt that the owners of the business establishment should have protected the plaintiff from the intoxicated driver, and that there should have been security personnel in the parking lot.

The Court rejected all of these arguments, and a verdict was directed in favor of the health club. The Court noted that there was no evidence concerning any prior incidents with the two intoxicated men. In addition, the Court noted that the club had no way of knowing of the intoxicated driver's violent or dangerous nature. Whereas the employees of the club knew that the individual had been drinking, they could not have known the extent of his intoxication. Therefore, the Court refused to hold the club liable for the injuries.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

EPA boggles the mind — again

TO THE EDITOR:

The Lord moves in mysterious ways. But, He can't hold a candle to the Environmental Protection Agency.

After a \$500,000 study that took 18 months, the EPA determined that of 490 children, 6.5 percent had lead levels high enough to warrant additional testing. Upon further testing, it was determined that a whopping one percent, or five, had levels that merited intervention. Think about that — \$500,000, 18 months, 490 kids tested, five needed attention. Now most normal-thinking people would say, "Boy, \$500,000, that's a lot of money to find five kids, but I guess it's worth it. I know it would be if it was my kid."

And, we thought that was the end of it. Not hardly. Here comes the EPA waving scans of computer print-outs at any and everybody, crying that there is a potential for a health hazard some time in the future. Came a wee small voice of reason and sanity asking, "How far into the future?"

"We don't know," said the EPA indignantly, "but it could happen."

"Consider," said the voice of reason and sanity, "the lead plant is now closed. It was in operation almost 100 years and nobody got sick. What makes you think that they will now?"

"Well," said the EPA in a snit, "it might."

"When?" cried the voice of reason and sanity.

"We don't know," said the EPA, as if talking to a small child. "But, just in case it doesn't happen, we are going to strip the top soil of 55 square blocks of Granite City. Say it is lead contaminated and the EPA is permanently at the Terra Cerro site."

"Like hell you are," shouted the people of Granite City.

If the EPA says this soil is lead contaminated, they haven't proved it to anyone's satisfaction but their own — why don't they just incorporate lime into it? That would lock up any lead into an inert form, resulting in no danger to anyone.

"Not good enough," said the EPA.

"We will go to court," said the people of Granite City.

They did. Little realizing that they were trying to pit one government body against another. The courts agreed.

How naive of us to think that any federal agency would listen to a bunch of working people who just wanted to be heard by their government. The case is pending. This has been dragging through the courts for four years.

Poor old East St. Louis, to my knowledge, has been trying to get the EPA to come in and clean up their town. There lies the rub, as Mr. Shakespeare would put it. For, you see, East St. Louis isn't on the super-fund, clean-up list, so they are going to get it from the EPA.

Just when you think all of this is over and done, surprise, here they come again. The EPA has sent out an announcement that there is going to be a meeting at 7 p.m. March 6 at the Granite City Township Hall.

Be there. Tell them again, "Hell no." If it's contaminated, get it out of here. If it isn't, well, here's a quarter, call someone who cares.

EDGAR L. BUTTS
Granite City

State tax system needs reform

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing to inform your readers of a proposal that has been introduced in the Illinois House to overhaul the state's income tax system. The Illinois House Democrats Working Families Tax Equity Act is the first major proposal to overhaul the state's income tax structure in nearly 25 years.

Many of the people in my district are hard-working people who would like a little more money to send their kids to college and have a liveable retirement. But, since 1970, inflation and other costs have pounded their pocketbooks, making it harder to achieve their goals. Under the tax cut plan that was introduced, nearly eight million Illinoisans would receive some form of tax relief.

This tax plan has four basic components:

- Double the \$1,000 standard exemption to \$2,000 for first dependent children under the age of 18 for families earning less than \$100,000.

- Allow for a three-percent renter's residential credit, so renters would be allowed a deduction similar to the property tax homestead exemption enjoyed by homeowners.

- Increase the household income eligibility for the state's circuit breaker program from the current \$14,000 threshold level to \$20,000.

- Create an Illinois Earned Income Tax Credit, similar to the federal credit, for working families earning less than \$25,000.

If passed and signed into law, the Working Families Tax Equity Act would do exactly what it says — provide relief to hard-working people and retired seniors who worked hard all their lives.

I urge area residents to write to the governor and ask him to support this proposal so we can help put some cash back into working people's pocketbooks.

STEVE DAVIS
State Representative
11th District

City servants get a thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

We are long-time residents of Granite City and would have to commend our police and fire departments for a wonderful job well done and our paramedics for "hat's off" to great people and keep up the good work. Sometimes we take these services for granted.

Our best to all of you. Thanks billions.

CLIFF and EVA RICHARDSON
Granite City

Speak out on merger plan

TO THE EDITOR:

Faceless Corporate America does not care about you or me. It could care less about the future of our families. This becomes quite evident when you continue to witness the huge mergers and buyouts that are commonplace in our country today.

The recent proposed buyout of the National Food Stores by Schnucks has prompted me to speak out.

Thousands of people will be affected by the buyout of this giant grocery chain.

What will it take to wake you up? The loss of your neighbor's job? Your children's jobs? Will you finally wake up when it's the loss of your job?

Have you been paying any attention to what has been going on around you?

Recent bank mergers have left many hard-working people jobless. Many others have suffered due to salary cuts or loss of benefits. The cuts and layoffs in area banks have continued long after mergers were finalized.

Corporate profits and upper management salaries continue to soar higher and higher. As usual, the little guy continues to take a beating.

Longevity has become a hazard in place of an asset in an employees work record. The very same people who have dedicated their lives to make National a success, will now pay a dear price for their loyalty.

Call or write your congressman. Demand they step in and stop the buyout. Urge them to act quickly in order to save thousands of jobs in our area.

Write to the Federal Trade Commission. Demand that they halt this buyout. Tell them that you understand it will drastically reduce competition and cause prices to rise.

Do it today. Speak up now, before it's too late.

DENNIS HETTENHAUSEN
Edwardsville

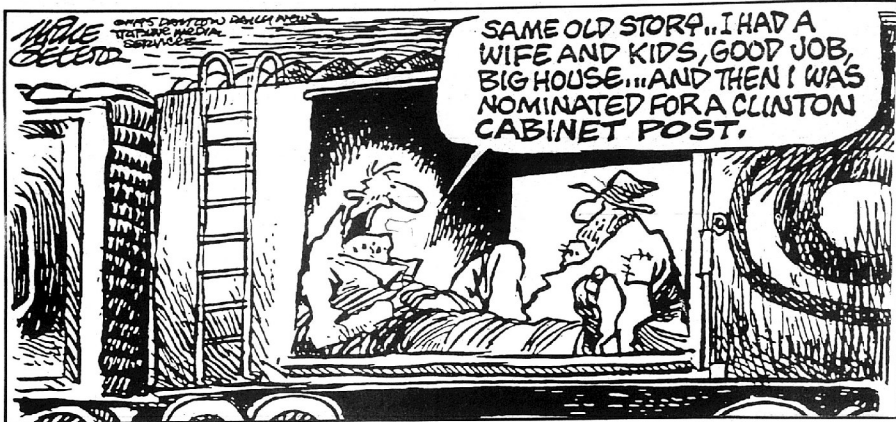
Miller articles provide relief

TO THE EDITOR:

Just wanted to let Don Miller know that I enjoy his articles in the paper. I got a laugh out of the one about the skunk.

Hope he keeps on writing such enjoyable articles — there's enough bad news being printed. It's a change of pace to read something just for the pure enjoyment of the thing.

JANE FISHER
Troy



Senior citizen ranks growing fast

I confess: I've never attended a senior citizen meeting.

But I am in my 16th year as a dues-paying member of the American Association of Retired Persons. I am only newly retired, but you don't have to be retired to be a Retired Person.

As you might suspect, the AARP lobbies against tampering with Social Security and Medicare. As you might not have expected, the AARP fought strongly last year for the Gephardt and Mitchell health-care programs, which Congress decided not to enact.

What else concerns the AARP? Well, it wants you to know that some of the proposed welfare-aids cutbacks would affect not only teenage mothers but also senior citizens.

As many as 12 million older individuals are among the 114 million persons of all ages aided by six types of federal programs.

Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, subsidized housing aid, and specifically for low-income persons, young or old. Eligibility is means-tested (pegged to income).

Under other federal plans, home-delivered meals and "congregate" meals, are provided under the Older Americans Act and are not means-tested.

Welfare reformers say they will give states more flexibility, so the states can help the needy (at lower cost) through less regulation and greater efficiency.

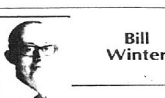
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Bill Winter

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Citizens Equity Act, which would ease the limit on Social Security recipients' earnings and give tax incentives for buying private long-term-care insurance.

These two ideas are praised by the AARP, but it notes that current taxation of Social Security benefits helps bolster the troubled Medicare Trust Fund, which is projected to become insolvent in the year 2002.

Although it is not against requiring a balanced federal budget, the AARP wonders how Washington will find the \$1.2 trillion needed over the next seven years to achieve an income-outgo balance.

Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute says, "If we take Social Security and the Defense Department off the (cost-cutting) table and move toward passage of a balanced-budget Constitutional amendment, the pressure on entitlements (Medicare and Medicaid) is going to be considerable."

But not all seniors have financial worries. The AARP Bulletin includes ads inviting readers to "Retire in Arizona" or "discover affordable Florida."

The AARP also advertises its own services, including life insurance, prescription drugs, auto insurance, Medicare supplemental insurance and the AARP stock-investment mutual fund.

Feeling a bit rundown? Advertisers suggest buying a new wig, getting a new mattress or putting non-metal taps on your shoes to save the heels.

The AARP warns against get-rich-quick scams, excessive downsizing by employers, age discrimination and continued shortchanging of Social Security "notch babies" (persons born from 1917 to 1921).

There are six million afflicted by a small-benefit notch in the law, but if Congress waits a couple of decades before remedying it there will be only a few affected (all of them in their 90s).

Despite some uncertainties about the future, the American Association of Retired Persons is "bullish on America" and confident that the ranks of seniors will grow rapidly.

Average life span has risen more in this century than in the previous 2,000 years. In 1900, life expectancy was 47 years; today, it is 75.

Within 35 years, one in five Americans will be 65 or older. And, contrary to the stereotype of an aging and ill group, most remain productive, adapt well to changing technology, stay independent and show eagerness to learn and to grow.

As the AARP says, it's not just the number of years in life, but also the life in those years.

For legislators, haste may make waste

"Let them eat cake," Marie Antoinette never said it, but the expression has been attributed to her as her response, in the pre-French Revolution years, to being informed that the country's peasants were starving and without bread.

I hope I'm wrong but I think I'm hearing echoes of that cynical sentiment coming out of Springfield and Washington.

Few of us would argue that our welfare system — both federal and state — isn't in need of reform. Most of us agree that something must be done to break the cycle of generation after generation living their lives on the public dole.

But like a large number of others, I find suspect the haste with which Illinois legislators passed two bills this month. The bills are apparently nearly identical, and there appears to be little doubt that Gov. Edgar will sign whichever reaches his desk.

I take pride in the fact that both bills were sponsored by men from our area: Rep. Ron Stephens of Troy and Sen. Frank Watrous of Greentown.

Both bills would abolish Aid to Families with Dependent Children by the end of 1998, a benefit that currently serves some 700,000 Illinois residents — a lot of people.

Theoretically, according to Rep. Stephens, setting a sunset hour for AFDC will spur the legislature to set up some kind of alternate system within that nearly four-year time span.

Fine, if it works out that way, but the bill appears to contain few specific suggestions for such an alternative.

Additionally, the bills will deny additional cash benefits for additional children born to welfare mothers. This is being called a "parental responsibility act" and any money the state saves will be used to pay for job training for recipients and day

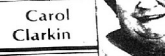
care for their children when, and if, they succeed in getting a job. However, until they actually get that job, pregnant women who already have children are going to be faced with some unpleasant choices, making their aid checks stretch to cover the basic needs of an additional child or terminating pregnancy.

During earlier Senate committee hearings, representatives of numerous agencies that serve the poor warned against the speed with which reform acts were being pushed through the legislature.

A nun who works with the East St. Louis poor noted that the Catholic Conference of Illinois, nor other private charities, will be able to provide the safety net that will be needed, at least an assumption much bandied about by politicians these days.

Further, she asserted that as many as 65 percent of current abortions are done for economic reasons and warned that the proposed "family cap" is bound to cause that figure to rise. Sen. Frank Watrous, sponsor of the Senate bill and an outspoken anti-abortionist, admitted to reporters following the hearing that he thinks the nun is probably right, but that he hopes the family cap would lead mothers to take steps to forgo conception instead.

I'd guess that Watson, faced with the dilemma of choice between his personal moral belief and what he perceives as popular public demands for welfare change, has chosen to dream on.



Carol Clarkin

Like most people, I'd like to see more welfare recipients gainfully employed and self-sufficient and I'd like to see the legislature spell out now, exactly, that's to be done in terms of job training and provision of child care.

The bill includes a provision for making parents who are delinquent in child support pay up.

What's more, I'd like to see a federal "living wage" law enacted, not merely the pittance of an increase in the minimum wage of 90-cents and hour, and that increase over a two year time period. No man or woman

who works full time should bring home an income below the poverty line and if we're sincere, to say nothing of realistic, about enticing those on welfare into the work force and becoming self-supporting, we can't leave them still in poverty.

While we're waiting for Utopia to be devised in Springfield, it might be well to remember: the children need food and clothing, medical care and a roof over their heads. It would be a shame to throw all those babies out with the bathwater, particularly by the very folks who keep reminding us that they're the hope of the future.

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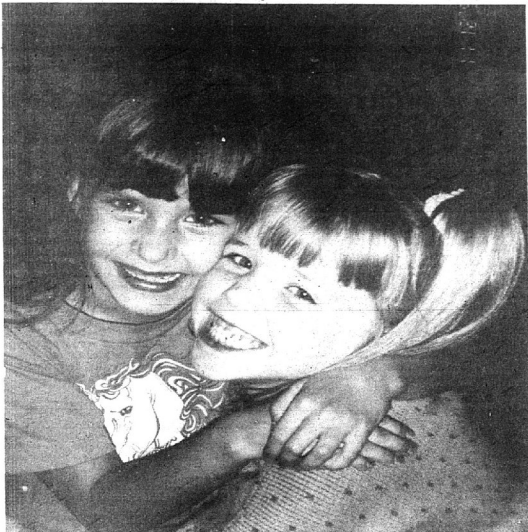
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Readers' photos show the feeling



(Photo by GLENDA DUVAL)

Best friends too — Six-year-old Blaz Rill, left, and her five-year-old cousin, Dawn Brown, always enjoy their playtime visits with one another, and big hugs are their specialty.



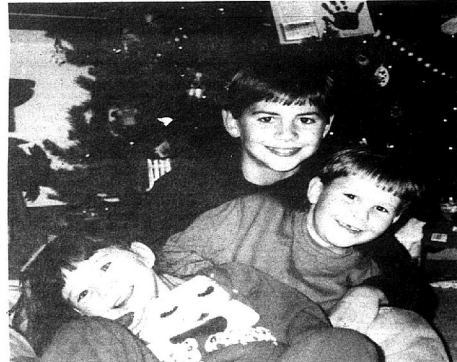
(Photo by CHARLOTTE FOWLER)

Inseparable — Sitting on the picnic table sisters Gloria, left, and Kathryn Brown express their love for each other with a gripping hug while visiting their grandparents, Charlotte and Don Flower, in Puntoon Beach.



(Photo by KATHY LONG)

Sisterly Love — Sometimes they fight, sometimes they quarrel, but in the end they always hug because they have sisterly love — as two-year-old Kira, left, and six-year-old Katie Long prove.



(Photo by MARYEMILY SLATE)

Sibling love — From left, Becca, 4, Christopher, 7, and Nathan Slate, 12, define "love" as being with brothers and sisters at Christmas time. They are the children of Bob and Maryemily Slate of Granite City.



(Photo by HELEN BERTACCHI)

Tea for two — In 1967 three-year-old Jennifer Bertacchi serves tea to her grandfather, Dick, during a make-believe tea party she planned for him when he came home from work.

Shorthand losing popularity

'The whole world is going too fast for shorthand'

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

Shorthand, the use of symbols to denote words, has been around for a long time, but its future is threatened by technology. Pat Sullivan, the chief court reporter for the 20th Judicial Circuit, said shorthand got her every job she has ever held. But she realizes shorthand is now a dinosaur.

"It's gone," she said. "Dictating machines and portable cassette tape recorders have taken over. The whole world is going too fast for shorthand."

Cherri Hunter, a speedwriting shorthand teacher at Belleville West High School, said she learned shorthand with all symbols but had not taught it in several years.

The speedwriting shorthand, which uses short forms of words and letters that are generally recognizable, is more popular.

"Bosses like this better because they can read it too if the secretary is out," she said. "This is the newer version."

At West, her speedwriting students include those in vocational classes who want a business career and those who are college bound and want it to take notes in classes.

"It's not just for the business side anymore, but for personal use too," Hunter said. "Anyone can benefit."

Ethel Bush, secretary to East St. Louis City Clerk Alzada Carr, said she learned speedwriting first, but it helped her pick up shorthand.

"I think shorthand is easier and I like it best. But your memory bank has got to be in

order," she said. She uses shorthand in city council meetings and during dictation with Carr, but turns on the radio to keep her speed up.

"I used to do that every night from the talk shows and I plan to start back," Bush said. "It helps and I don't want to lose that."

Sullivan, one of only a handful of court reporters who still uses standard shorthand in court, learned the art more than 30 years ago in high school.

"I was taking it as fast as 120 words per minute back then and others in my class were doing 70 to 80 words per minute," she said. "I had a knack for it, but I wasn't good at typing."

She worked for Lockheed Aircraft in California for several years after high school because of her shorthand skills.

Sullivan takes shorthand at 190 words per minutes, according to her last test. As a court reporter working with Associate Judge Jan V. Fiss, she must get every word spoken in court.

But she said she came to the job by accident. She began working in the state's attorney's office in 1961 and was often called upon to take victim's statements or even to take notes for trials.

"I got better and better through that experience," Sullivan said.

When the state passed the "blue ballot" in 1965 which required that court reporters be tested, Sullivan was able to get into that position.

She has been a court reporter since

January 1966 and was grandfathered into the post when the state began requiring court reporters to take notes as fast as 200 to 225 words per minute.

Despite her own speed, Sullivan said the job is getting harder because people talk faster and several people often talk at once. "I am being forced out by computers and technology. There was only one machine writer when I started out," she said.

Despite the change in shorthand, Hunter said she still favors the Gregg Shorthand she learned in high school.

"I still love shorthand because I learned it first. I would never want to see it thrown in the back closet and forgotten."

Although it is not taught at Belleville West, Hunter said she often shows it to her current students to show them how much easier speedwriting shorthand is.

"Shorthand is not a lost art, but from some people's viewpoint, it is a little different now," she said.

Having either of the shorthand skills makes one more marketable, but Hunter said she doesn't believe businesses are requiring it much anymore.

"It's a plus, not a necessity," she said. Sullivan said she is sure that in the next five years there won't be anyone else taking shorthand in court proceedings in the 20th Judicial Circuit.

And for lawyers, it's more cost-efficient to dictate his message or letter into a tape recorder and give it to his secretary, she said.



Happy New Year — David and Trudi Smith of Granite City are the parents of the first baby born at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in 1995. David Jr. was born at 7:45 a.m. Jan. 3 and weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Obituaries

Charles Wright

Charles Sylvester "Little Man" Wright Jr., 66, of Venice, died at 11:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born June 17, 1928, in Alton, Mo.

A well-known saxophonist in the Venice-Madison and St. Louis metropolitan areas, his musical career saw him playing with Eddie Hinkle Sr., Leo's Five, the Tab Smith Orchestra and the Stan Kenton Band, among other area bands and orchestras. He attended Dunbar School in Madison and confessed his hope in Christ at an early age.

Survivors include three sons, Rudolph, Darnell Bradley and Savoy Bernard Bradley, both of Venice, and Von D. Bradley of Kansas City, Mo.; three daughters, Charita Bradley, Ramona Bradley Stuart and Yvona Bradley, all of Venice; his father and stepmother, Charles Wright Sr. and Anna Mae Wright of Brooklyn; one brother, Will "Jack" McCauley, one sister, Hazel Dow of Oakland, Calif.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Althea (Knox) Wright; one brother, Frederick Douglas Wright; and one sister, Pearlitha "Billie" Wright.

Services are pending today, Thursday, at Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 800 Jefferson St., Madison, 452-2737, with the Rev. Jerome C. Chambers officiating. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

Arrangements are by the Eddie Mayfield and Sons Funeral Home, St. Louis.

Beverly Randazzo

Beverly (Olson) Randazzo, 60, of Granite City, formerly of Fairmont City, died Monday, Feb. 20, 1995, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, after a six-month illness. She was born Jan. 7, 1935, in Dodge Center, Minn., and had been a resident of Granite City for 24 years.

A homemaker, she was a Catholic. Survivors include four sons, John of St. Louis, her parents, Ed and Scott, all of Granite City; two daughters, Debbie and Connie, both of St. Louis; her parents, E. Norman and Alta L. (Mahnke) Olson of St. Louis; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Randazzo, who died in 1974.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Broadway Ave., Granite City, where funeral services are at 12 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Mable Dandridge

Mable (Reynolds) Dandridge, 67, of Alton, died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 1995, at Alton Memorial Hospital. She was born Oct. 18, 1927, in St. Louis and had been a lifelong resident.

Previously employed as a case worker with the Community Care Systems in Alton, she was a member of the Southern Baptist Church in Madison.

Survivors include two sons, Ervin and John, both of St. Louis; two daughters, Phyllis Hanes and Gail Dandridge; two brothers, Cecil Bell Sr. and James Porter; and four grandchildren.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis.

Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

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today, Thursday, at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis, and from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Southern Missionary Baptist Church, 921 Bissell, Madison, where services are at 7 p.m. today with the Rev. Edwin Williamson officiating.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

William Earhart

William Lige Earhart, 84, of Granite City, died at 5:06 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1995, at his residence after being ill since 1989. He was born Nov. 22, 1910, in Bumpus Mills, Tenn., and had been a resident of Granite City since 1953.

A machinist with Owens Illinois Company for many years prior to his retirement in 1969, he was a member of St. Paul Maranese Church and an Air Force veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Jerolaine Earhart; two daughters, Emma Ferrero of Omaha, Neb., and Debra Lackey and Jessica Renee Earhart, both of Granite City; one brother, Charles Earhart of Dover, Tenn.; three sisters, Wanita Earhart and Charlene Earhart, both of Dover, Tenn.; and one nephew, Charles Earhart, who died in 1985.

Services were to be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel Funeral Home, 3839 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Ron Cluser and Brother Delores Barker to be the organist.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Anglin Funeral Home, Dover, where the procession will leave at 2 p.m. Friday for graveside services and burial in Hart's Cemetery, Dover.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

Luther Turnage

Luther Howard Turnage, 73, of Venice, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995. He was born Feb. 2, 1922, in Des Moines, Iowa, and had been a lifelong resident of Venice.

He was employed with American Steel Foundries prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Zelma Turnage; four sons, Pierre, Elmer, Luther Turnage Jr. and Demond; and David C. Turnage; six daughters, Iris and Paula Butler, Jessica, Tiffani and Shadia Turnage; and Jessie Bracy; one sister, Edith Gowan; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation is from 5 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Dameron, who died in 1970; her parents, William T. and Jenny Mae (Brandt) Wetzel; two brothers, William T. and Harvey Wetzel; one sister, Marvel Dover; and one grandson, Services are at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Marville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Bob Carter officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.

Mary Korscosg

Mary Ann Korscosg, 79, of Granite City, died at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1995, at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, after a short illness. She was born June 17, 1915, in Granite City, where she had lived for most of her life.

A dipper with Nesco until its closing, she later worked at O'Beir-Nester Glass Company in East St. Louis.

Survivors include one brother, John Korscosg of Granite City; and several nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Theresa (Horvath) Korscosg.

No services were held. Remains were cremated. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel.

Memorials in the form of Masses to Holy Family Catholic Church are suggested.

Debt

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an impact in a given fiscal year. "The tax base here is not sufficient to support the district without substantial state monies, and the state just wasn't there," he said.

"The biggest difference doesn't really have anything to do with this year, it has to do with the year before, when voters approved in November, 1993."

"The district had that influx of money in the last fiscal year, plus the voters approved a 75 cent tax increase in the education fund, Miller added. "State school funds have been pretty steady, and general state aid has increased a fair amount for us. All these things combined really helped out."

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Program aims at youth-related crime

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Organizers are hoping that a program aimed at ending youth-related crime and promoting jobs and education will see the same success here as in other parts of the country.

Crime Prevention Inc. is seeking start-up funds, in-kind donations and volunteers. According to spokesman Dave Tanzys of Collinsville, the program should be under way this fall. The group is hoping to raise between \$175,000 and \$250,000 to start and maintain its program through private and corporate sponsors.

The program focuses on youth who are "at risk" for getting involved in crime or with gangs because of academic or socio-economic factors.

Initially, we would focus on Belleville, Fairview Heights and East St. Louis with the hopes of adding Collinsville on soon after," Tanzys said. "Right now I am the only Madison County person involved in this."

The seven-member board includes sports radio personality Joe May, East St. Louis High coach Johnny Brown, and former Fairview Heights police officer Phil Wisely. Retired Belleville police officer Wagner is the group's chairman.

Tanzys said that Caseyville would be the next area through the Fairview Heights program unless it got big enough to sustain itself. The Collinsville program would be open to Edwardsville, Granite City and

Alton area participants until the program could expand to sites in those communities.

Initially, the program will target males age 8 to 20 and later will include a similar program for females. Tanzys said that a sports league, initially for basketball, will be the "hook" for the program.

Other sports, including soccer, might eventually be added. To be eligible to play in the league, participants must attend either a 90-minute job seminar or study hall each week.

For school-age participants, tutors will be available to help with various subjects. For older participants, the focus changes to higher education, vocational education, and employment opportunities.

"The first thing is to give them something to do and to keep them out of trouble but there's also results," Tanzys said.

The program would be held, ideally, in schools or other public buildings where gym space is available, Tanzys said. Business leaders would be able to address seminar participants to tell them about employment opportunities at their companies.

Tanzys said the program runs through early adulthood to give young people a chance they might not have had before.

Anyone — business or individual — interested in donating funds or services or in volunteering as a tutor or referee should call Tanzys at 844-3205 or Phil Wisely at 398-7463.

Hall

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ing company is better equipped to secure prisoners." At the time of the murders, Hall was wanted in Colorado Springs, Colo., for failure to return from a furlough to begin serving a 24-year prison term.

Officials said Hall had also been charged with murder in California, but the charges were evidently dismissed.

In Oklahoma, Hall was booked on suspicion of kidnapping, burglary and firearm and motor vehicle charges after a dispute with a 14-year-old neighbor of his girlfriend.

Neighbors told police they saw Hall force the boy into his car. Within a few minutes, police arrived and found the boy in the hood and Hall took off running. Hall apparently called police to report the boy tampering with his vehicle, which had allegedly been stolen.

In an attempt to flee police, Hall ran into an occupied house to hide. He was arrested moments after he took cover.

No trial date has yet been set for the murder charges in Madison County.

Alternative

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floors of the Chouteau Township Hall. "I think it's a great program," said Chouteau Township Supervisor Pat Polley. "It gives these people a chance to work off their fines plus it saves taxpayer dollars."

"Everybody's looking to get more bang for their tax dollar and I've used them several times. I probably would have spent \$400 to have the floor stripped and waxed. But the SWAP Team did it free," she said.

Polley said that the SWAP Team has been utilized by the township on a number of occasions.

The group recently cleaned up weeds, debris and ditches on Race Street in Eagle Park Acres.

"They did an excellent job," said Venice Township Supervisor Andy Economy.

"I think the SWAP Team is one of the best things the county has ever come up with."

"It saves the taxpayers money and these people are serving their time on the betterment of the community," Economy said.

He said he received several telephone calls from Eagle Park residents pleased with the cleanup job.

"That was some nasty work they did to do. You offer a job like that to some people for \$5 an hour and they'd say, 'No way,'" Economy said.

"But there were no problems," he said. Davis said he has had minor trouble with only two individuals in the two years of the program.

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Jo-Ann Herendeen

Jo-Ann (Mayfield) Herendeen, 38, of Wood River, formerly of Granite City, died suddenly at 7:25 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 1995, at Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton, where she had been a patient for two days. She was born Nov. 1, 1955, in Granite City and had been a resident of Wood River for eight years.

A homemaker, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Lloyd Herendeen, one son, Jimmy Herendeen of Edwardsville, one daughter, Lindell Presley of Edwardsville, four brothers, John Mayfield of Granite City, Paul Berry of Rochester, N.Y., Jesse Berry of Jackson, Miss., and Charles Helling of Glen Carbon; and one sister, Shirley Mayfield of Edwardsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Alberta (Frazer) Mayfield.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 N. Broadway Ave., Granite City, where funeral services are at 11 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

Clara Winter

Clara L. (Juenger) Winter, 78, of Granite City, died at 10:46 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1995, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville. She was born Nov. 26, 1916, in Coulterville, Ill.

An Avon representative for 30 years and a homemaker, she was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, the Garden Study Club, Afternoon and Evening Guild, Daughters of the Nile and several pinocle clubs, all in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Wilmer "Will" Winter, whom she married in March 1946; one daughter, Diane Briddell of Collinsville; two sisters, Annie Belmher of Madison and Elsie Klein of Mascoutah; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Randall Winter; her parents, Fred and Dora (Dice) Juenger; one brother, Arthur Juenger; and one sister, Frieda Meyer.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Marville Road, Granite City.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 N. Broadway Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Memorials are requested for the St. John United Church of Christ Memorial Fund.

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Sewer

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Warfield said if a main sewer line is damaged by a resident trying to unclog a lateral pipe, the repairs could be expensive to the city.

Alderman Kim Affolter agreed. "We don't live in a city with streets made of dirt. But our sewers are," Affolter said, a reference to the multi-million dollar investment the city has made in lining many main sewer pipes with Insituform, a process that creates a virtually unbreakable plastic pipe inside older, existing lines.

Alderman Craig Tarpo proposed an amendment that would have tacked \$75 to the service to help defray the cost of hiring two additional men, but that amendment failed by a 12-2 vote.

Voting in favor of the ordinance on first reading were Warfield, Pulley, Frederick, Crites, Affolter, and aldermen Casmer Skubish, Walter Miller, Juanita Crawley, Eddie Asadorian, Nick Petrillo and Bob Shipley.

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SHOW	5	<i>Solomon and Sheba</i> (1996), Drama	*** <i>Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit</i> (1993) PG	TV	*** <i>Stretch Armstrong & His Ten Tons</i> (1995)	<i>Fire</i>
TMV	17	*** <i>Rocky II</i> (1979)	*** <i>Full Frontal</i> (1993) PG-13	*** <i>Mystery Date</i> (1991) PG-13	*** <i>Executive Power</i> (1993) TV	<i>Don't</i>
DISN	16	[PG] <i>Polly</i> (1982) PG	Online Disc: The Colour of My Love	*** <i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> (1993) PG-13	*** <i>Jury of</i> (1993) TV	<i>Wind</i>

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Heart Month observance continuing

February is Heart Month and St. Elizabeth Medical Center wants to help you become more aware of heart disease and the progress that is being made in fighting it.

Cardiovascular disease is still the number one killer in America. Consider these statistics from the American Heart Association:

- 925,000 Americans die each year of cardiovascular disease. This accounts for 42.7 percent of all deaths.
- Each year, more than one-sixth of all people killed by cardiovascular disease are under the age of 65.
- The economic cost of cardiovascular disease to the United States last year was an estimated \$129 billion. This includes physician and nursing services, hospital and nursing home services, the cost of medication and lost productivity due to disability.
- Through medical research and education, we are making progress.
- From 1981 to 1991, age-adjusted death rates from heart attack declined 32.4 percent. During that same time, age-adjusted death rates from stroke declined 30.5 percent.
- In 1995, the American Heart Association projects it will spend \$100 million in support of 3,000 medical research projects nationwide.
- AHA-funded research has resulted in medical discoveries like:
 - Linking dietary fat with cholesterol.
 - Implantation of the first externally powered pacemaker in a patient.
 - Long-term successful mitral valve replacement surgery.
 - External cardiac massage (cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR).

Farmers' meeting

U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin will hold an informational meeting on the recent changes in Federal Crop Insurance on Feb. 25. Ken Ackerman, Acting Deputy Administrator for Risk Management will attend.

The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Madison County Farm Bureau, 900 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville.

Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday Wednesday newspapers include:

BYRNE, Naomi R. (Castelberry), 69, of Collinsville, died at 4:20 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995, at Caseyville Nursing Home, Caseyville. Services were held Monday at Herr Caseyville Chapel, Caseyville. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

CHANDRL, Madelyn (Kraus), 83, of Granite City, died at 6:05 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

COOK, William Thomas, 75, of Pocatontos, formerly of Granite City, died at 11:34 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995, at St. Joseph Clinton County Hospital, Breese. Services were held Monday at First Baptist Church, Highland. Burial in Highland City Cemetery, Highland. Arrangements by Spengel-Boullenger Funeral Home, Highland. Memorials to First Baptist Church.

CRAMER, Amy Isabel "Sassy", 67, of Madison, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 1995, at her residence. No services were held. Her remains were cremated. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

LIGNOUL, Richard, 56, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 1995, in Bradenton. Services were held Wednesday at Griffith-Cline Funeral Home, Bradenton. Burial in Manion Memorial Park, Ellenton, Fla. Memorials to the Hospice of Southwest Florida, 406 43rd St. West, Suite C, Bradenton, Fla., 34209.

LIVINGSTON, Gary Glenn, 59,

of Highland, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:35 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995, at St. Joseph Hospital, Highland. Services were held Sunday at First Congregational Church, Highland, by the Rev. Raymond Fuller. Burial in Highland City Cemetery, Highland. Arrangements by Spengel-Boullenger Funeral Home, Highland. Memorials to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc. or the Highland Lions Club.

MCMICHAEL, Iva Rose (Murphy), 91, of Edwardsville, died at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1995, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Friday at Weber Funeral Home, Edwardsville, by the Rev. John Savore. Burial in St. James Cemetery, Fort Russell Township.

MUSICK, Howard W., 76, of Granite City, died at 3:51 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 1995, at his residence. Services were held Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. James Trotter. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

PICKLES, Carl F., 70, of Granite City, formerly of West Frankfort, Ill., died at 9:54 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 1995, at his residence. Services were held Wednesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

STEARNS, William G. "Bill", 73, of Pontoon Beach, died at 4:05 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 1995, at his residence. A memorial service was held Sunday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Max Wood. Memorials to the Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc. or the American Cancer Society.

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TONNEY, Earl Wayne, 61, of Granite City, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995, at his residence. Services were held Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Howard Bradshaw. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

VAN METER, William "Speed", 92, of Granite City, died at 4:44 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Bob Jones. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

WALLACE, Clarence L. "Skip", 84, of Granite City, formerly of Dover, Tenn., and Los Angeles, died at 4:06 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 1995, at St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis. Services were held Monday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, Granite City, by the Rev. James Hahn and John Dix. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Memorials to Nameoki United Methodist Church.

Kustra to take part in base-saving effort

Supporters of two area military bases are expecting a boost from a statewide effort to prevent base closures.

Gov. Jim Edgar on Tuesday announced the appointment of Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra as chairman of Operation Salute, a group that will coordinate efforts of state agencies to promote Illinois military bases. Edgar said the state will assist local efforts aimed at preventing bases from closing.

The Base Realignment and Closure Committee is expected to compile a list of suggested base closings by March 1.

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois is spearheading an effort to save Scott Air Force Base near Belleville and the Melvin Price Support Center near Granite City. Spokesman Jim Grandone said the state group will be an asset to the local effort.

"We've been on the phone with the governor's office since we started," Grandone said. "The technical and clerical assistance they are going to provide will be of great assistance."

Financial assistance from the state is also a possibility, Grandone said.

"The governor's statements left the door open for that possibility," he said.

The council is trying to raise more than \$1 million for the preservation effort. The group has hired consultants and plans to organize trips to Washington, D.C., to lobby on behalf of the bases.

The group has raised about \$308,000 so far, officials said.

Kustra said several state agencies will participate in the effort to save Illinois bases. The state will help local groups by providing specialists and assistance with travel, printing and photography, he said.

Kustra said Scott was of particular importance.

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All members are invited to celebrate with old friends and meet some new ones as they share the credit union's highlights of 1994 and 1995.

Mark your calendar for this special occasion and join us:

When: Saturday, February 25
12:30 p.m. Business Meeting/
Officer Elections
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Refreshments & Entertainment

Where: Knights of Columbus Hall
Old Alton Road, Granite City

After the credit union's brief business meeting, you may relax and enjoy a buffet dinner and entertainment that takes us on into the evening. You may even win a prize!

Stop by either credit union office to pick up your dinner tickets — but, don't wait too long! Seating is limited and we're expecting quite a crowd.

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**Gary and
Roberta Zahn
Zahn-
Kurtz**

Roberta Lynn Kurtz and Gary Neal Zahn Jr. were married Oct. 7, 1994, at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville. The bride is the daughter of Betty Kurtz of National City and the late Everett "Bud" Kurtz. A graduate of Madison High School, she is employed by Hamilton Security in Belleville as a security officer. The couple reside in National City.

Births

The following births were recorded at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville:

Angela Ramsey of Pontoon Beach, a girl, born Jan. 19.

The following births were recorded at Memorial Hospital in Belleville:

Joy Harris of Granite City, a boy, born Jan. 16.

Cynthia Barrow of Brooklynn, a boy, born Dec. 30.

Houck- Balen

Jennifer Leigh Balen and Darrin Houck were married Oct. 8, 1994, at the Wedding Chapel in the Treasure Island Hotel, Las Vegas by the Rev. Dan Newburn.

The bride is the daughter of Gwen Balen of O'Fallon and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Balen of Granite City. She graduated from O'Fallon High School in 1989 and earned a bachelor's degree in special education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is a special education teacher in the Collinsville School District.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Houck of Rushville, Ill. He is a 1986 graduate of Rushville High School and earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Culver-Stockton College. He is currently employed as a secondary mathematics teacher in the Collinsville School District.

Dennie Cox, sister of the groom, was the matron of honor. Kent Cox, brother-in-law of the groom, was the best man.



**Darrin and
Jennifer Houck**

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a dinner party for the couple at the Season's Restaurant, Bally's Hotel, Las Vegas. A reception was held Oct. 15 at St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, Ill. The couple resides in Collinsville.

Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the office of Debbie Saltich, Madison County clerk:

Gregory Adams and Clintia Parish, both of Granite City.
Brandon Damrill of Waukegan, Ill., and Rebecca Griffith of Granite City.

Evelio Gonzalez of St. Louis, and Kristie Skaggs of Granite City.
William King and Joann Kalert, both of Granite City.

Robert Kolbinsky and Darlas Rainwater, both of Granite City.
Peter Marlin and Anita Keelin, both of Granite City.

Bryan Pilat of Granite City, and Elise Treat of Edwardsville.
Edmund Robinson and Michelle Breidenbach, both of Granite City.

Cathy, both of Granite City.
Lester Farmer Jr. and Francis McIntosh, both of Granite City.

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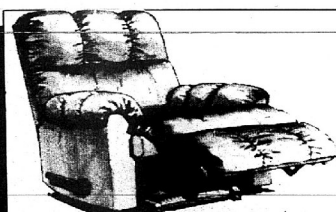
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Wednesday, March 8
Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 10
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Salem Sectional
Tuesday, Feb. 28
Game 1: (9) Carbondale at (8) Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Game 2: (14) Effingham at (4) Paris, 7:30 p.m.

Game 3: (12) Mascoutah at (5) Mattoon, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1
Game 4: (15) Murphysboro at (2) Highland, 7:30 p.m.

Game 5: (10) Tread at (7) Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

Game 6: (11) Olney East Richmond at (3) Charleston, 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, March

• Venice

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by himself in the run, and Joe Blumberg hit his only three-point shot of the night to cap off the scoring in the first half.

NICK LANGE SCORED 17 for Freeburg, and Chris Woodward added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Roberts was the only Devil to hit double figures. Keith Kenney had nine points and 10 rebounds, and Ron Taylor and Edwin Barbee each scored seven. Barbee added nine rebounds for the Devils, who outrebounded Freeburg 41-33.

"That was one of the few highlights," Harris said. "That and Roberts, who looked, at times like the only one who came to play."

Down by nine entering the third quarter didn't seem like an insurmountable difference for the Devils, but they managed only 16 points in the entire second half.

"We had our chances," Harris said. "They just wouldn't fall." Venice missed three close-in chances in the first minute and a half of the third quarter, and hopes seemed to fade after that point. Woodward added a pair of three-pointers in the second half, and Glacenz and Rich Mense combined to hit five of six free throws down the stretch to put the game away.

THE DEVILS WERE picked by some coaches at the regional to possibly contend for the title, but Harris said he was not over-ly disappointed in his team's season.

"We knew we would be rebuilding this year, and we knew it would be a learning experience," he said. "We went a lot better towards the end of the year, but this team still has a lot of growing to do."

"It seemed like everybody tried hard tonight, but our heads just weren't in the game."

• Madison

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more forward Demond Simms, who topped the Trojans with 17 points. Simms scored 11 points in the third quarter, including nine straight in one stretch.

WITH 4:25 TO play, Simms hit a three-pointer to give Madison a 41-29 lead. He then drew foul from three-point range on Madison's next possession and sank three free throws to extend the lead to 15 points. After a basket by Althoff's Dante Stovall, Simms struck again when he converted a conventional three-point play to make it 47-31 with 2:50 left.

The Trojans spent much of the fourth quarter protecting their lead, and survived five three-pointers by Althoff in the final three minutes. Valentine iced the game in the closing minutes with 6-for-7 shooting from the free-throw line.

Althoff could not make up lost ground after the third quarter and was plagued by inconsistent shooting throughout the game. The Crusaders shot 33 percent from the field and ended the year 7-17.

FOUR CRUSADERS reached double figures. Haake led the way with 17 points, Mike Riley

• IHSA

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really hurt wrestling when it did this. It's not right.

"The IHSA has no consideration for the kids. I think the IHSA is more concerned about its own reputation than Illinois' wrestlers."

The IHSA's fight to keep Mount Carmel out of the state tournament began earlier this season, when it was discovered that the Caravan had competed as a team in five varsity tournaments over the course of the season. IHSA rules limit teams to participation in four tournaments.

BUT THE CARAVAN countered with the argument that it had competed as a junior varsity team in one of the tournaments, held in Joliet in December. A contingent of JV wrestlers placed third in the tourney.

When coaches from the SICA conference brought the matter to the IHSA's attention, executive director Dave Fry ruled the Caravan ineligible for the state dual-team tournament. Shortly thereafter, Mount Carmel gained an injunction to suspend the

• Warriors

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every adversary to get to this point. I told them this will be a test of their mental toughness — and the ultimate test of their character."

The IHSA's postponement of seven sectional tournaments held wrestlers throughout the state wondering when their next match will be — or whether the season is over.

Unlike other sports, wrestling requires athletes to be in top physical condition for each meet. In most cases, high school wrestlers commit to staying at a particular weight all year, and are sometimes forced to "cut weight" the day of matches to compete.

regional dual-team final.

Had the IHSA won on its appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court, that meet would have been completed Tuesday. Instead, Justice Mary Ann McMoray refused the appeal, and the IHSA suspended the tournament.

"In order for us to protect the integrity of the tournament, we felt we had to suspend the state series," said Marty Hickman, assistant executive director of the IHSA. "We feel like there was a violation of rules."

HICKMAN CONFIRMED fears that, pending the IHSA's investigation, the state tournament will be canceled and the season is over.

"That'll be the very last resort," Hickman said. "We don't have any indication (whether) it's going to be held."

In what amounted to a highly unpopular move among wrestling coaches and teams throughout the state, the IHSA appeared to put its own interests ahead of conducting the 11th state dual-team tournament. It came at a time when Granite City was preparing to take on Mount Vernon

"I GUESS THIS is the IHSA's way of saying, 'Thanks for working your butts off,'" Garland said. "I've lost all respect for the IHSA. They're more concerned with their image than the kids."

The IHSA ordered sectional tournament managers to cancel tournaments Tuesday after losing its latest legal battle against Chicago Mount Carmel. The IHSA was denied an appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court and decided to suspend the entire state series rather than give in and allow Mount Carmel to compete.

"You can't let that many schools suffer and not expect to have any repercussions," Garland said. "We need to get the IHSA out of here."

Garland said the IHSA should have relented and allowed Mount

Carmel to seek its fourth straight title.

"WHAT THEY SHOULD do is let Mount Carmel wrestle and, down the road, if they're proven wrong, strip them of the title," Garland said. "Personally, I wanted to wrestle them."

The Warriors entered this season hoping to contend for their first state championship since 1965 — when they shared it with Oak Lawn (Reavis). But Garland's fears that the state tournament will be canceled could be true.

"I've been working for this for eight years," Garland said. "We all saw the potential of this team."

"But whatever happens will not tarnish what we accomplished last weekend. We ended Saturday on a high note, and I'm still proud of the way we wrestled."

Bogan 43-13 for the Chicago city title — and a possible berth in the state quarterfinals.

THE PUBLIC LEAGUE semifinals were scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. — a few minutes after the IHSA began the process of informing the state's teams to cancel competition. But Hickman maintained the Public League competition was outside the IHSA's jurisdiction.

"They're not really a part of the state series," Hickman said. While it appears the Class AA state tournament will not take place this weekend in Normal, the Class A meet will continue as scheduled. Holding the Class AA meet the following weekend

in Normal is not an option, because Redbird Arena will be hosting the girls state basketball tournament.

Hickman, however, said the IHSA could find an alternate site — provided the state tournament is held.

"We're confident that if we get to that point where we can hold the tournament, we can find a site for it," Hickman said.

"I DON'T KNOW how much consideration they've taken," Patton said. "This is not like basketball, where kids just go out and practice and play games. It's really unfair to the kids."

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